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### AMERICA'S GOLDEN EGGS

The goose that laid the golden egg has always been supposed to have been a fairy-tale creature, whose remarkable talent never existed outside of the author's imagination. Yet the golden egg is a part of America's daily life, if people will only think about it, says the LaSalle (Ill.) Tribune.

The United States produces every year poultry and eggs to the value of \$750,000,000, more than all the gold, silver and diamonds produced by the entire world amount to.

The hens average in number three to a person, and each hen lays on an average—or wherever else she makes her nest—40 eggs. So it is easily seen that the goose renowned for so many generations is just a piker compared with the fowls of the U. S. A. and she would have had to break all speed records in order to lay her golden eggs fast enough to compete with the egg business in this country.

And just as the old fairy tale had its moral in the downfall of the greedy so our present-day egg story should teach its little lesson. Get a flock of hens and gather a few nuggets yourself.

Just as peace is about to be consummated abroad and the hot weather is coming on, and folks have settled down to a nice, long vacation from names like Ypres and Chatillon-sur-Seine, Langres and Maubeuge and Meaux and Conde-sur-Huisne, trouble has to go and start up in Mexico; and all the papers are full of horrors like Chihuahua, Tijuana-de-los-Dragones, Agualaguas and Zacapoxtla.

### IS JAZZ FRENCH?

Another great American institution is imperiled. We have seen democracy threatened, and the Monroe Doctrine trembling in the balance, and met those crises bravely. But what is to be done when a Parisian paper as prominent as Le Matin usurps for France the credit of having discovered jazz music?

According to Le Matin, this type of frenzied syncopation originated many years ago when the effete Parisian populace amused itself by all sorts of extravagant entertainments. One of its favorite forms of diversion was the cat orchestra.

Twenty cats were tied to a harpsichord. A device was so arranged that when the player struck the keys of the instrument, strings pulled the cats' tails and as the music proceeded the cats joined in with a loud, prolonged wailing said to sound exactly like the present jazz.

They called these entertainments 'concert balls,' though why not 'bawls' is hard to see.

The records may be authentic, but it sounds suspiciously like another effort on the part of a foreign power to belittle a purely American product.

Any hope of an American-French alliance is going to be seriously menaced if the French newspapers print sassy stuff like that.

Congress, in trying to separate the treaty from the League of Nations, should not overlook the danger of separating the nations from the treaty.

### THE KAISER'S HONOR

"My father would never submit to trial by his enemies," says the Crown Prince of Germany. "One has one's honor, you know."

Oh has one? Or did one part with one's honor long ago when one sacri-

ficed one's soul and one's country, and peaceful relations with one's fellowmen to one's ambition, but took care to save from the wreck one's grey and wrinkled skin?

Flag Day wasn't a very notable occasion this year. But it doesn't matter so much as it did when the institution was first started. Most every day is a flag day now.

Librarians say that people are reading novels again. Did anybody know they had ever stopped?

### TOOK LIBERTY WITH FACTS

Author of "The Luck of Eden Hall" Admitted That He Drew on His Imagination.

The author of the poem, "The Luck of Eden Hall," was Johann Ludwig Uhland, a German poet of the first half of the nineteenth century, who first put that romantic legend into verse and later it was dressed in English rhyme by Longfellow. As the story goes, the young lord of the manor during a night of drunken revelry, demanded the drinking glass called "the luck of Eden Hall." The butler "heard the words with pain," but brought the goblet which the tipsy nobleman smashed. Instantly flames cracked the ceiling and the persons surrounding the festal board became dust. The straightforward American poet explains at the heading of his translation that in spite of the tragic ending of the poem the glass is still in existence, and so it is today. It is six inches high, of pale green glass, exquisitely enameled in blue and white. Practical folk say that it probably came originally from Spain, where it was used as a chalice in communion service, but the original story goes that it was left at St. Outhbert's well by a company of fairies.

### 'Twas Ever Thus.

Mr. Smith, hearing music and singing at his neighbor's house, decided he would drop in and see how they were.

Mr. Jones welcomed him and ushered him into the parlor where his daughter was playing the piano and his son singing. Mr. Smith begged them to continue. They consented.

The first song they selected was "Mother." They sang this very feelingly and then father joined in on the chorus. This was followed by "Mother Machree" and others of like sentiment on songs about mother—how true they were, how dear and how they loved to sing them.

Then, as Mrs. Jones hadn't appeared yet, Mr. Smith inquired about her state of health.

"Oh," said Mr. Jones, "she's well enough. She's in the kitchen doing the dishes, but after she has finished and has taken in the wood she'll join us."

### Theory and Practice.

"I trust, Brother Johnson," said the presiding elder, "that you are endeavoring as far as possible to bring up your children by the rule of kindness; requesting rather than commanding, and explaining to them carefully why they should obey your injunctions?"

"That's powerful gaudy in the're, parson," returned Gap Johnson of Rumpus Ridge, "but in actual practice knocking 'em down with a neckyoke now and then is about the only way to fetch results. I could just about as quick get 'em to mind me by argyng with 'em as I could make a turtle giggle by tickling his lid with a feather."

### Her Sex's Falling.

Delmer usually walked to school with Mattie, his little neighbor next door, but nearly always had to wait for her. One morning he was obliged to wait an unusually long time for Mattie to get her hair curled, and later he confided to his mother that he was not going to walk to school with her any more. His mother asked him why he had decided to go without waiting for Mattie. "Well," he replied "when I call for her I always find her so unready."

### LUCK AND CHANCE OF LIFE

Abundant Reasons Why Fighting Men Develop a High Degree of Fatalistic Reasoning.

As I tour the military hospitals, says a writer in a London paper, I hear strange stories from the ward sisters, from matron herself, and from men of all grades in the serried rows of beds. Poor M— braved all the terrors of war—wounded at Mons, and gassed at La Bassée—only to be ignominiously killed by an omnibus in the city street at home! Whole families of sons lie buried in France. But I know a case in which four sons and a son-in-law joined up in August, 1914, and went clean through the whole stupendous drama, without one of the five getting so much as a scratch! I know a heroic major, who had the maddest escapes from shot and shell, and was killed at last by a falling branch of a tree whilst at home on leave.

I know a chaplain V. C. who all but broke his neck on a flight of stone steps at Saighton Towers, where he was Countess Grosvenor's guest. I know a war correspondent, of many fierce campaigns, who met his death after all in a London air raid. And I talked with the sole survivor of a ship, who turned out to be the only member of the crew who couldn't swim! How shall we explain these vagaries? They made fatalists of our men; and one day in the hospital, I came upon a lad who was reading the Moslem Koran. He held up the page to me, and pointed to the verse: "No hap chance, but the same was written in the Book of Decrees!"

### They Wouldn't Suit Her.

Mary Pickford was talking about the new French fashions.

"The French," she said, "are trying to bring the long skirt back again." She frowned slightly. Then, as she glanced down at her little shoe, her brow cleared.

"There's no doubt," she said, "that long skirts would suit some girls down to the ground."

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